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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 17th September, at Frith Manor School.

I am asked to express the hope that you will be able to attend.

L. A. CLAYDON,

Hon. Secretary.

AGENDA

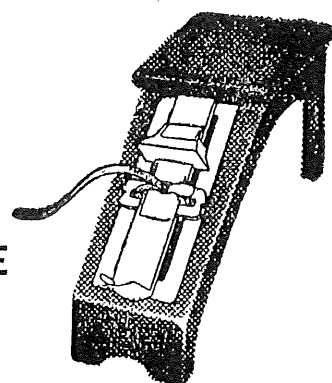
The Notice of the Meeting will be accepted as read

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th September, 1963.
2. Chairman's Report.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Election of Committee.
(The Constitution provides for the election of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Treasurer and ten Committee Members.)
6. Election of two Auditors.
7. Any other business.

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News In Brief

London Transport Spokesman to attend Annual Meeting

AS announced in the last issue this year's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, 17th September, at 8 p.m. The Agenda appears on page 1 and under item 2 members will hear a brief report on the Association's work during the past twelve months.

It will also be an opportunity for all residents to put questions to the Committee on any subject directly concerning Woodside Park, such as roads and pavements, the Brookside Walk, street lighting, etc. All residents will be welcome to this meeting.

This year the business of the meeting will be preceded by a short talk by Mr. R. T. Winton, a spokesman for the London Transport Board. This part of the meeting will commence promptly at 8 p.m. and there will be time allowed for members to put their problems on road and rail services to the speaker. Any matter which cannot be answered on the spot will be taken up by Mr. Winton and the Association will publish the reply in the next issue of the journal. In addition the three ward Councillors will attend the meeting and, as in the past, will no doubt be ready to answer any points directly affecting the Council.

Honours for two Hendon Councillors

It was noted with considerable pleasure that the recent Birthday Honours List included the names of Councillor T. C. Stewart, who had been made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, and Councillor Mrs. C. Thubrun, who was last year's Mayor and is this year's Deputy Mayor of Hendon, who had been made a Member of that Order.

Dogs in shops

We have again been requested by a shopkeeper at Sussex Ring to appeal to residents not to allow their dogs to enter the shops unless on a lead. There is no need to elaborate upon this request but simply to state that it is one which we feel will be shared by all the shopkeepers in Woodside Park.

Senior Committee Member Retires

The Committee said farewell at a recent Meeting to Mrs. Kathleen Armes, one of the senior members who has left Woodside Park to live on the south coast. We thank her for her many years of work on the Committee and wish she and her husband a happy retirement.

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THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET Chief Officers are named for the new Borough

DURING the past few months the Chief Officers for the London Borough of Barnet have been appointed. Few are unknown to Hendon as will be seen from the following list.

TOWN CLERK — Mr. R. H. Williams, Town Clerk of Hendon since 1954 and prior to coming to Hendon was Deputy Town Clerk of Finchley.

BOROUGH TREASURER — Mr. W. R. Harman, Finchley's Treasurer for the past 12 years.

ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR — Mr. G. A. Pentecost, at present Borough Surveyor at Hornsey.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH — Dr. M. Watkins, at present M.O.H. at Walthamstow.

EDUCATION OFFICER — Dr. N. F. H. Butcher, who has been Hendon's Education Officer since 1949.

BOROUGH LIBRARIAN — Mr. S. L. Butcher, at present Librarian in Hendon.

ESTATES OFFICER — Mr. I. Fooks, who has been Finchley's Valuer and Housing Officer for the past 20 years.

HOUSING OFFICER — Mr. W. A. Plevin, housing officer in Hendon since 1949.

PLANNING OFFICER — Mr. T. E. Parry, who has been central area planning officer with the Middlesex County Council since 1954.

These are interesting appointments and we wish the new Officers good luck in their duties, which cover a very large London Borough. At the same time we are sorry to note that two Hendon Officers will be leaving the district next April to take up new appointments in other new Boroughs. We would take this opportunity of thanking them for the willing co-operation extended to this Association. They are the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. F. J. Cave, who takes a similar post with the new City of Westminster, and Dr. J. Patton, who takes over as M.O.H. in the neighbouring Borough of Haringey.

Barnet Borough Council Meetings

COUNCIL Meetings of the London Borough of Barnet will be held on the following dates:

Wed., 21st October

Wed., 17th February

Tues., 15th December

Mon., 29th March

Thurs., 1st April (Annual Meeting)

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The Councillors representing Mill Hill Ward have been elected
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Allotments	Children	Civil Defence
Education	Education	Finance
Estates	General Purposes	Highways
Housing	Health	Building & Town
Works	Libraries & Arts	Planning
	Welfare	

Extract from Council Minutes

WOODSIDE PARK — PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Woodside Park
Ratepayers' and Residents' Association requesting the Council to
consider urgently the provision of a public library at Woodside Park.

RESOLVED: That this matter be considered in conjunction with
a survey of the complete facilities available throughout the new
Borough to be prepared by the Borough Librarian and submitted to
this Committee (Libraries & Arts) at an early future meeting.

HENDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

The remaining meetings in the life of the Hendon Borough
Council will be held not later than 6.15 p.m. on the following dates:

14th September	11th January
12th October	8th February
16th November	15th March
21st December	

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to serve upon the following Committees:

A. P. Fletcher	T. C. Stewart	Mrs. C. Thubrun
Allotments	Education	Education
Estates	Highways	Libraries & Museum
Building & Town	Works	Public Health
Planning	General Purposes	Housing
Finance	Civil Defence	Finance
Appeals		

Extract from Council Minutes

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE — GENERAL

LULLINGTON GARTH, N.W.7 — SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Town Clerk reported that as instructed in April, 1964, he
had renewed the Council's request to the Commissioner of Police of
the Metropolis for the appointment of a School Crossing Patrol in
Lullington Garth (Mill Hill Ward). The Commissioner had replied
that on further investigation he had not found any grounds for
changing his previous decision, but that the matter would be kept
under review.

Noted.

F.O.R.A.B.—JULY MEETING OF THE FEDERATION

THE third Meeting of the Federation of Ratepayers' Associations of Barnet was held on the 27th July at the North Finchley Public Library and among items discussed was the question of the postal districts in the new Borough of Barnet. The Post Office seems reluctant to recognise new boundaries ; for instance, Barnet, East Barnet and Edgware, although they are now in Greater London, have no postal district numbers ; this could mean that there might be an inadequate allocation of telephone directories unless the Post Office recognises that Barnet and the other numberless districts should have an allocation of London Telephone Directories. The Secretaries of the various District Ratepayers' Associations were asked to collate information and reports with a view to the Secretary writing to the Postmaster General.

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES. With one dissension it was agreed that these committees should be open to the Public as well as the full meetings of Council, and the Town Clerk is to be asked what the official view is.

DISPROPORTIONATE PATTERN OF PROPOSED SPENDING. Mr. Macdonald, F.O.R.A.B.'s Press Officer, called attention to increases in proposed expenditure on works in one borough as between one year and another. These amounted to £9,100 (from £900 to £10,000) and £46,400 (from £600 to £47,000). District Secretaries will find out if there is any similar pattern in other districts. Allowing for a natural tendency to run down reserves of district money before they are amalgamated with the finances of the New Borough next April, if these reserves proved to be very substantial, it might be thought in the general interest that a reduction in rates might be possible now or that the reserves should be used to offset any future contemplated rate increase.

EDUCATION. It was proposed that a member from each of the five boroughs should be appointed to serve on the Education Sub-Committee. Finchley and Hendon posts remain to be filled but Councillor W. J. Stephens has been nominated to represent Barnet, Mr. Adamson—Friern Barnet, Mr. C. Emanuel for Totteridge.

CAR PARKING. Mrs. Joan Cairns of Totteridge Ratepayers' and Residents' Association raised the question of inadequate parking facilities near railway stations and mentioned Barnet as a good example. Some car parks are not used as fully as they should be and others are provided in certain Boroughs by private enterprise at no cost to the Ratepayers. She was anxious that available land should be reserved officially for car parks rather than allowing it to be sold for private office development of which there is a surfeit.

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BARNET AND THE BUCHANAN REPORT

Unique Committee set up by Barnet Council

ALL the committees formed by the London Borough of Barnet have their counterparts in Hendon or Middlesex with one exception, the Development and Research Committee. The terms of reference of this new committee, writes Councillor A. P. Fletcher, have not yet been fixed but its main objects will be to co-ordinate the planning and highway functions of the Council and to take positive action to implement the Buchanan Report on "Traffic in Towns."

An example of the problems that will face the Committee is the situation at Golders Green. Two planning applications have been made for redevelopment of the station and either would greatly affect the traffic at Golders Green cross roads. Hendon Council deferred making a decision on the two projects in order that detailed information could be obtained for forecasting traffic flows and more consideration given to the long term plans dealing with traffic through Golders Green and for the maintenance of Golders Green Road itself as a main shopping centre.

As the extent of the work involved is too great for it to be carried out by the present planning staff of Hendon, Barnet Council has agreed that Hendon should appoint consultants to prepare a preliminary appraisal and report, and the Development Committee should have a very useful role to play in considering this report and in recommending to the Barnet Council what action should be taken to integrate public and private enterprise.

NEWS IN BRIEF—Continued from page 3

Hendon Civic News

The first issue of the much heralded Hendon Civic News made its appearance in July. Fair comment would be that it is a modest but impressive publication. When mention was made in this journal some months ago of the Council's intention to publish such a broad-sheet it was stressed that anything which might alleviate public apathy towards local affairs should be encouraged.

In this first issue a complete list of Aldermen and Councillors is printed and it would appear that each issue will contain a brief history of one of them. Details are also given of libraries in the borough, swimming baths and the various committees of the Council. There is a wide scope for the Civic News and the Council must ensure that it has the widest possible distribution.

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DANGER FROM FRONT GARDEN TREES

There have been several complaints made to Committee members about the danger from overhanging trees in front gardens. This is an annual event but we would repeat our request to those who have large trees to make sure that there are no branches overhanging the pavement which might prove dangerous, particularly at night.

F.O.R.A.B.—Continued from page 8

Delegates were asked to discuss their areas with Barnet Council and the Police and to give locations for possible car parks. Mrs. Cairns offered to collate all the data. Mr. Hugh Pike was present as Chairman and Messrs. Bradstreet, Hare and Kerr represented Woodside Park. The next meeting will take place on the 28th September.

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NEW YORK RE-VISITED JULY, 1964

By Peter Campbell

MY recent trip to New York coincided with the Harlem Riots but I cannot say that the life of Manhattan was disturbed much. People were more talkative than ever, wishing to know whether we had similar problems in this country, and the Police, who use their sirens with great facility day and night, seemed to be rather noisier than usual. I would like to make a few notes comparing New York with London.

New York is cleaner both as regards the air, as judged by the state of one's clothes at the end of the day, and the almost total lack of paper in the streets. The latter is probably due to a vigorous campaign conducted by the City's vehicles and the large number of excellent bins placed along the streets. Vehicles for watering the roads are much in evidence.

In favour of London is the greater care taken over the street furniture, especially the lamp posts, which are much cruder in New York. Also road markings, which are carefully executed in London, are very sloppy in New York. The road surface is generally much better in London. These observations should encourage us to maintain our higher standards.

The telephone service in New York shows several obvious improvements over ours. There are numerous public call boxes, the lines are extremely quiet, the operator answers at once and directory inquiries seem to be dealt with by a wizard. At the World's Fair it was good to see the press-button telephones which are now being introduced generally.

The new buses in New York are an excellent design and run very smoothly, although the engine placed at the back purrs rather loudly. The fare is still a fixed 1s. but since this carries you for up to about 10 miles it cannot be regarded as expensive. All buses are single decker and there are no conductors. The lack of proper indicators on the buses is just one example of the very poor direction signs in New York. It is not uncommon to have difficulty in finding the exit from a museum, and the subway (tube) is very badly indicated. All the subways are built like our Metropolitan and District line. The stations are appallingly primitive but the trains are clean and efficient although spartan and noisy. Most routes have two lines in each direction, one fast and one slow, which is very useful provided one knows which one to take. People are helpful if approached but it is sad to see beggars on the subway.

The geographical position of the city is a most exciting one and it is certainly a very interesting city to visit. As with London the best things are only winkled out after taking some time and trouble.

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HORTICULTURAL HINTS

ON this occasion I thought it might be profitable to write on gardening methods. During a lifetime of gardening one is bound to develop one's own particular ways of doing certain jobs, normally with a view to saving time and producing a neat and efficient result. Incidentally, I would welcome and find most interesting any suggestions you may care to send me in connection with this particular subject.

Tools, of course, are most important, especially spades; a fork is quite useless for digging properly. The spade which I have always used is, I believe, called a grafting tool and consists of a narrowish curved blade and wooden shaft with a T-shaped handle. It is beautifully balanced and really makes digging comparatively effortless. It is essential to have an adequate supply of tools to take care of different jobs, and incidentally there are now, of course, stainless steel tools of all types and sizes which I imagine are a great all-round improvement and well worth the extra cost.

Whilst on the subject of new items, I expect you have noticed plastic seed boxes in the shops, which will be much easier to keep clean. So we can now gradually replace our old wooden ones. By the way, it seems profitable to look round the shops occasionally as there always seems to be something new for the gardener.

Now a few words on seed planting. Normally they are planted in a pot or a pan and when large enough to handle pricked out in seed boxes. They can, however, be planted thinly in seed boxes and then transferred to the open ground when sufficiently developed; although this method does depend on the type of plant and how quickly it recovers and develops after transplanting. When planting very small seeds, such as Clarkia for example, in the open ground, mix a packet or more with very dry, fine sand in a tin or jar. the top of which has been pierced (like a pepper pot). The seed can then be sprinkled thinly and will not just drop down in clumps.

When planting out bedding plants always use a trowel, this is by far the best method. A convenient way of removing plants from their boxes is by means of an old table fork, which incidentally you will find most useful for weeding beds and borders; just try it.

By "WOODSIDE."

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THURSDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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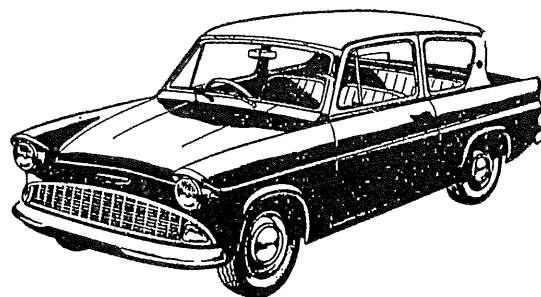
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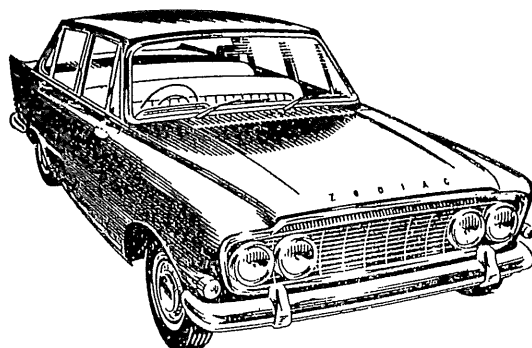


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